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25,000 Raised

Convention Banquet, Call To Continue Commitment

By HAROLD C. TROY
GREENSBORO—On January 15, Black Baptists from across the state met here to commemorate the work of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to honor former heads of the General Baptist State Convention. Also, at this occasion, candidates for various political office were afforded an opportunity to briefly address the vast assembly of churchpersons.

Speaking from a dais overseen by an artist's conception of the martyred leader, several churchmen remembered him with glowing tributes and pledged to continue waging the battle against the still-existent injustices Dr. King gave his life fighting. Keynote speaker, Atty. Julius L. Chambers called him "the greatest leader of this century."

Rep. H.M. Michaux read and commented on Joint Resolution No. 1006 by him and his Black

colleagues now serving in the General Assembly. The resolution designates January 15 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in North Carolina.

Further tribute was paid the late Baptist leader in song. Mrs. Georgia Guest lifted her voice in a soul-rending version of "Precious Lord," commonly thought of as Dr. King's favorite spiritual.

Former GBSC heads, Rev. W.H. Davidsion, J.T. Hairston, Rev. P.A. Bishop, and R.M. Pitts were awarded posthumously, memorial NAACP life memberships. Receiving for the deceased leaders were Rev. J.H. Davidson, Dr. Otis Hairston, Rev. J.A. Davis, and Dr. J. Ray Butler.

NAACP life memberships were also presented to the two living past presidents, Dr. J.W. White and Dr. C.R. Edwards.

Keynote speaker Atty. Julius Chambers alerted the assembly to recent "questionable court

decisions and the hue and cry presently in Congress and in the Executive Branch of government against further steps to improve the status of minorities."

He advised, "In 1976, I think it appropriate that all of us reconsider the major means we have employed in the past, assess their present and future utility, and the most effective means for furthering or objectives in the days ahead."

He praised the work of Dr. King remembering, "To me the greatest role of Dr. King was the call to all Americans to Christian principles and morality." He characterized King - led protests as always having the "embodiment of Christ and the love of one's fellowman" as objectives.

Discussing the 1954 Brown vs Board of Education court decision, that toppled "separate but equal" schooling, he warned, "we have unfortunately, some

twenty-three years after Brown, almost gone a full circle from federally sanctioned segregation to federally approved segregation."

He also advised, "We must develop an organized effort to insure the training of future Black elected officials, the support of those we have elected, an intelligent Black electorate to vote in politics, in addition to demonstrating and filing law suits."

He concluded, "Dr. King has suggested that in our fight and tribulations there is hope and the Christian principles we can and must espouse. We have the hand of God. We can and will succeed."

Coleman W. Kerry, GBSC Program Committee Chairman, presided over the first half of the proceedings. Dr. Joy J. Johnson, GBSC President, led the second half of the banquet.

Other program participants were: E. Burns Turner, Waverly



ATTY. JULIUS L. CHAMBERS, keynote speaker for convention banquet called Dr. King "the greatest leader of this century."

Camp, Jerry Drayton, John R. Maley, Mrs. Jymmie McClure, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Rep. Henry E. Frye, Theon Shoabes, and J.C. Harris.

The banquet, an effort to aid in financing the construction of a facility for retired ministers at the J.J. Johnson Assembly grounds brought in \$25,000 toward this end.



MR. CHARLES McLEAN presents NAACP Life Memberships to Dr. J.W. White and Dr. C.R. Edwards. Looking on are Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Atty. Julius L. Chambers, keynote speaker, Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, and President Johnson.



MEMORIAL NAACP Life Memberships were presented to Rev. J.H. Davidson, Dr. Otis L. Hairston, Rev. J.A. Davis, and Dr. J. Ray Butler for deceased leaders, Drs. W.H. Davidson, J.T. Hairston, P.A. Bishop and R.M. Pitts.



THE SIX BLACKS IN THE N.C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE — L to R: Rep. H.M. Michaux, Durham; Rep. Henry E. Frye, Greensboro; Senator John W. Winters, Raleigh; Rep. Joy J. Johnson, Fairmont; Senator Fred D. Alexander, Charlotte; and Rep. Richard C. Erwin, Winston-Salem. All sponsored joint House Resolution 1006 designating January 15 of each year as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in N.C.



POLITICAL CANDIDATES AWAITING TURNS TO SPEAK — L to R. Coy C. Privette (R-Gov.), James B. Hunt, Jr., Ed O'Herron and Thomas Strickland (Dem.-Gov.); Bill Wichard for Terry Sanford; Waverley Akins, Herbert L. Hyde and Howard Lee. (Lt. Gov.); Lane Brown and Walter Fuller, (State Treas.), Mrs. Lillian Woo, (Auditor); Rufus L. Edmisten, (Atty. Gen.); Dudley Flood, for Craig Phillips (State Supt.); John Ingram, Commissioner of Insurance, and at the mike, John R. Manley who introduced the guests.

From The President's Pen:

All Americans And The Bicentennial

1976 America's Bi-Centennial Year should be a time of repentance, recommitment and forgiveness. A time for White America to bow on her knees in sackcloth and ashes as a symbol of humility of her grave sins of omission and commission. A time to repent of the vicious atrocities committed upon American Indians and Blacks. Repent of her inhumanity to man and for spending billions of dollars and human resources to maintain dual systems and standards in a Christian Nation. To repent for denying equal protection, justice and opportunities under God and the Law for All People. Repent for passing and proposing legislation that does not equally apply to All Citizens. Repent for crying so loud for taking prayer and Bible reading out of the schools when she refuses to observe and practice them at home and the church.

A time to recommit to practice the principles of Christianity and the Constitution. Out of one blood God made us all equal, with all having a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, plus all having an equal right to redemption for Jesus died for All.

Recommit that we owe our loyalty and allegiance to Christ and the Cross first and then to the country and flag.

It is time that Black America confess her sins

of insensitivity, apathy, and slothfulness. Time for us to stop killing and committing senseless crimes and then raising millions of dollars to defend our wrongdoings. It is time for us to assume our responsibilities as well as our Rights.

It is time to forget the past and get on with today, with renewed faith, hope, love and determination to make our American Dream a reality. Right now we must stop blaming others for our shortcomings, faults and failures. We must forgive America for not practicing Christianity and implementing the Constitution and court decisions. We too, are sinners. We must stop being loud and dumb and have brains and beauty of character and conduct.

1976 is a time for All Americans to resolve to put honesty and integrity back into religion, government and business. To further resolve to practice decency, respect, courtesy, tolerance, the Golden Rule, brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. In other words, simply obey God and the Constitution and stop our inhumanity to Man. Then God will forgive our sins and bless us abundantly.

By Joy J. Johnson

NOTE: Your Reaction and Response to this Article is Welcomed by the Writer and Editor. You will be given equal space.

How Many Black Baptists Are There In North Carolina

Raleigh — The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has called for a census to be taken among the member churches throughout the state. This census is being

taken in an effort to establish the number of Black Baptist churches and the number of Black Baptists in the state of North Carolina.

President Johnson has

challenged the Convention to lead 5,000 souls to Christ during the Convention year, therefore the census will play a vital role in helping to determine just how much of this goal has been realized.

Every church, auxiliary, district convention, pastor, moderator, minister, church officers, as well as the net total of our worth in property, cash, bonds and other assets is to be included in the census report. A

census form has been sent out to every known church, pastor and auxiliary, however, there are still those who have not received the form. If you have received

the census form, you are requested to send it in immediately if you have not already done so. In the event that you have not received it,

you may secure one by writing to the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Your prompt cooperation

is urgently needed and will be deeply appreciated.

The form below is a copy of the form that has been sent out.

Workshop And Conference In Region Five

The General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Region Five consisting of Stanly, Anson, Union, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, Sampson, and Bladen Counties, pastors, moderators, missionaries (youth, young adults and adults) and laymen will convene, March 8-12, 1976 at the First Baptist Church, North Main Street, Fairmont, President Johnson, pastor and Dr. E.B. Turner host moderator in a workshop and evangelistic conference.

The workshop will be Monday - Friday from 4 - 6 and 7 - 8 p.m. The workshop leaders will be Reverends O.L. Sherrill, C.C. Craig, Leo Williams, Mrs. J.B. McLester and Mrs. M.A. Horne. The evangelist will be Rev. C.E. Beamon and music by church community choirs directed by Mr. Waverly Camp, the newly elected layman league secretary and convention musician.

Send your request for housing accommodations to the all Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, 1976, Winston-Salem to the Baptist headquarters early.

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Coming Your Way

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

1976 CHURCH CENSUS

Name of Church _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Pastor _____ Number of years served _____

Address _____

Year Church Organized _____ Membership _____

Name of Association _____ Moderator _____

Number of Active Auxiliaries _____ Worship Sundays _____

Number of Ordained Ministers _____ Number of Licentiates _____

Number of Deacons _____ List All Active Auxiliaries: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

Number of Associate Ministers _____ Average Monthly Church Attendance _____

Number Enrolled in Church School _____ B.T.U. _____ Laymen League _____

Senior Missionary Department _____ Young Adult Department _____

Youth Department _____ Number of Institutes _____ Number Enrolled _____

Number of Revivals _____ Name of Director of Christian Education or Superintendent _____

Minister of Music _____

Name of Associate Minister _____

Value of Church Property: Sanctuary \$ _____ Educational Facilities \$ _____

Recreational Facilities \$ _____ Furniture \$ _____ Parsonage \$ _____

Other Property (buses, cars or houses and land) \$ _____ Total Value of All Property \$ _____ Total Amount of All Insurance Coverage \$ _____

Annual Church Budget \$ _____ Total Contributions to Convention Objectives \$ _____

Association \$ _____ Union \$ _____ National Baptist Bodies \$ _____ Total Annual Contributions \$ _____

Average Monthly Offerings \$ _____ Annual Range of Pastor's Salary: (Check appropriate range) (1) \$3,000-\$5,000 (2) \$5,000-\$7,000 (3) \$7,000-\$10,000, (4) \$10,000-\$12,000 (5) \$12,000-\$15,000 (6) above \$ _____ Does Pastor have retirement Benefits? _____

COMPLETE AND FORWARD ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1976

To: Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary
GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N.C., INC.
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Profile Of The Perfect Pastor

At last a perfect preacher. He works from 6 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and is an expert in every field from cleaning the church to overhauling cars of the

congregation. He preaches exactly 25 minutes against sin in such a gentle way he never hurts anyone. He dresses in the best, buys the latest books on every subject, has a model family, drives a new car every year,

contributes to all charities, and gives \$40 a week to the church from his \$100 salary. He is 20 and has been preaching over 30 years. He is tall, short, handsome, heavyset, and thin, with one blue eye and one brown eye. He parts his hair in the middle,

the left side being straight and dark, and the right side wavy and brown. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all his time with older people. He smiles all the time with a straight face. His is a glowing personality with deadened feelings and iron nerves. — Illinois Baptist.

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West African Tour

Spiritual

Safari

Join Now!

The Spiritual Safari with Mrs. M.A. Horne as hostess, a West African tour to Nigeria and Liberia will depart from New York City on November 22.

A \$1,289.00 round trip tour price from New York City includes first class hotel accommodations, 2 meals per day and travels. Airport taxes and visa fees are estimated at \$35.00 per person.

We will visit Liberia and Nigeria including Monrovia, Brewerville, Port Harcourt, Lagos, Ibadan etc. Join us as we visit the schools, clinics, churches and mission stations we have helped to build as we continue to give unstinted support through our Lott Carey Convention. See the Wendell C. Somerville School and the Students in Action at Port Harcourt.

In Monrovia we will visit the executive Mansion where we will meet Dr. and Mrs. Tolbert and friends.

In Lagos we will attend the second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, there will be a variety of exhibits. In Lagos and Liberia we will also visit the Southern Baptist Mission Stations and the Firestone plantation (the largest in the world).

See the rapid growth of Africa, as well as the customs, style, educational facilities of our

Smoking Hurts

Pregnant Women

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (RNS) — Despite increasing knowledge of the harmful effects of smoking on the fetus, an increasing number of mothers are smoking during pregnancy, the Third World Conference on Smoking and Health was told here.

The proportion of British women who smoke during pregnancy has continued to rise in the last 10 years despite efforts to warn them of the dangers, said Dr. R. Butler, a professor at the University of Bristol, Eng.

Confirming the trend, Dr. Theodore Cooper, assistant secretary for health in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, said smoking is increasing among American women.

Dr. Butler said a comprehensive 11-year study of 13,000 children in Britain confirms reports from other studies that smoking during the second half of pregnancy increases infant mortality by about one-third.

Dr. Butler said the study, which matched children of mothers who had smoked during pregnancy and those who did not, found that at age 11 the children of smoking mothers were an average of three months behind in reading and an average of four-tenths of an inch shorter than their counterparts.

The damage was probably

Woman's Page----



Mrs. M.A. Horne

people.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. M.A. Horne
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Women Expect To Exceed Goal

Raleigh — When this issue of the "Baptist Informer" reaches the public, the Bicentennial Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will be history. As we were preparing our material for the February issue of the "Informer", president, Mrs. J.B. McLester, and Executive Secretary, Mrs. M.A. Horne of the Woman's Convention, were busily preparing for the January 17th Bicentennial Mid-Year Session. The Session, scheduled to be held in Raleigh at the Memorial Auditorium, is an all important one. It is the first time in the Convention's history that its members have been asked to raise \$250,000. This is the Woman's Convention's share of a \$1,000,000 Budget, set by the General Baptist State Convention. The Bicentennial Session not only has a financial challenge before it, but it has a spiritual challenge as well. The General Convention has set a "Spiritual Budget" of 5,000 souls to be saved during the current Convention year. Each woman is called upon to lead as many souls to Jesus Christ as she possibly can.

Mrs. Horne stated that: "We are going to raise the money to reach our financial objectives." Mrs. McLester also stated that the women are willing to work and are going to go over the top both spiritually and financially.



Mrs. J.B. McLester

Thus far the Woman's Convention has received over \$130,000 towards its financial objectives. The financial goal for the Bicentennial Mid-Year Session was set for \$10,000.00. The women expect to exceed this goal.

Normally the Mid-Year Session is a business session, however, if the session is anything like previous ones, there will be as much spiritual inspiration as business manifested through the session.

The Youth Department, scheduled to meet at the Shaw Student Union Building, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Brooks is also an outstanding feature of the Convention. A great deal of emphasis is being put upon the Youth Program due to the current upsurge of problems among young people. Churches and youth organizations are being urged to do all in their power to bring the nation's youth under the influence of Jesus Christ. The Convention's theme: "Christ in every home", is more vital now to Christian Education than ever before.

The Young Adult department will be in session in the lower level of the Auditorium under the leadership of Natalie Mitchell. President McLester and Mrs. Horne have been especially concerned about this department, because of its strategic role in the development of future leaders for the local church.

April 10 — State Wide Leadership Workshop

The next event that is scheduled for the Convention is the Annual State-Wide Leader's Workshop, to be held at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, 101 S. Wilmington Street, April 10. Dr. C.W. Ward, the Host Minister.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$2.00. All delegates are urged to send in pre-registration fees now. Leaders of all departments over the state should attend.

Mrs. Horne says: "We are expecting you! Bring a sandwich and come praying."

Our prediction is that when the Bicentennial Mid-Year Session shall have been concluded that everyone will go away spiritually uplifted saying: "We never saw it on this wise before".

Baptist Assembly
At St. Delight

Minerva C. Evans

Walstonburg — The pastor and members of St. Delight Baptist Church of Walstonburg, N.C., Sunday, December 7, 1975 sponsored a "Baptist Assembly Day". The guest speaker was Miss Bettie J. Chislom, assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C. Accompanying her were her mother and grandmother.

Miss Chislom spoke on the Responsibility of Giving and Sharing.

A sermonette entitled: "An Unfailing God", was delivered by the pastor Rev. Roosevelt Taylor. The day was a very enjoyable one. Other guests present for the occasion were: Sisters Lynette Fields, Lola Mainor, Glenda Stewart and Lillie Stewart from Patterson Chapel; Sister Martha Blackmon from Holly Hill, Kinston, N.C. Sister Luella Bizzell from La Grange, N.C.; Deacon Joshua Brown from Goldsboro, N.C.; Sister Mabel Brown,

caused by an increase in the carbon monoxide level in the smoking mother's blood stream, which decreased the oxygen supply to the fetus, Dr. Butler said.

President of the Bear Creek Woman's Auxiliary; and Sister Bernice Pouncey, Convention special worker for Wayne County. All finances raised on the occasion will go towards the objective of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

Pre Christmas
Celebration
At St. Delight

The young people of St. Delight Baptist Church sponsored a pre-Christmas program on December 14, 1975. The church was arrayed with decorations and there was an oratorical contest. The theme was: "What Christ Means to Me", spoken on by Angela Williams, Edna Maye, and Keith Parker. The second theme was: "Reach Out and Touch", spoken on by Sharon Gorham and Belinda Tyson. The third theme was: "Living in Hope", spoken on by Regenia Williams. The contest was won by Regenia Williams.

A King and Queen contest was held for the smaller children. Donald Tyson was crowned as King and Jenette Maye was crowned Queen.

Bookkeeper
On The Road
To Recovery

Raleigh — When Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn walked into the conference room of the Baptist Headquarters Building, January 5th, there was genuine enthusiasm among Executive Board members and Office Staff workers. Everyone's face seemed to be alive with relief and joy as they realized that Mrs. Dunn would soon be able to return to her office where she has been the general bookkeeper and assistant to Executive Secretary Dr. O.L. Sherrill for the past sixteen years.

Mrs. Dunn had recently undergone serious surgery at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, in an effort to repair a ruptured spinal disc and a pinched nerve. She was injured in a bus accident last September 6 on a West Virginia turnpike, when a Southern Coach overturned enroute from a chartered trip to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention in Toledo, Ohio. The injured disc and nerve had been a source of continual severe pain, that interfered greatly with her work as well as restricting her ability to walk. Mrs. Dunn decided to undergo surgery after her doctors advised her that the injury could result in a permanent disability.

Nearly everyone connected with the work of the General Baptist State Convention experienced some anxious moments during the time Mrs. Dunn was hospitalized. Perhaps this is the first time that many of the Baptist Family had realized what Mrs. Dunn's service meant to the General Baptist Convention. All perhaps had just taken it for granted that the quiet, well-praised and efficient lady that sits behind the registration table at all Baptist functions would always be there. However, this incident, has reminded all of us that much too often we simply take dedicated workers for granted, and they go unrecognized and unrewarded like a piece of furniture.

Mrs. Dunn is not back on the job in person but in heart and spirit she is at 603 S. Wilmington Street. She stated recently that her doctors have advised her to spend a few weeks at home while recuperating. Her stay at home will not be lonely because of the many cards and letters she has received encouraging her and letting her know that she has been remembered in prayer across the state.

Let us say a prayer of Thanksgiving, and pray that Mrs. Dunn will be back on the job soon.



Mrs. Margarie Dunn

The Central Orphanage

Oxford, N.C. (Editor's note: The following featured article concerning the Central Orphanage of North Carolina is the first in a continuing series of articles, which are to be published in connection with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's program of monthly state-wide emphasis on the Objectives of the Convention).

On a recent visit to the Orphanage, the writer was deeply impressed with the high quality standard of the work and operation of the Orphanage, which plays such a vital role in the lives of 90 children who otherwise would be without a place to call home. As the writer moved about the 51 acre complex, he was immediately impressed with the orderliness and cleanliness, and efficiency with which the Orphanage was operated and maintained.

The 94 year old institution was incorporated as a non-denominational institution to receive children deprived of their parents and means of support, and to train them along religious, moral, and industrial lines in order to fit them for useful law-abiding citizenship. The present Superintendent, Mr. H.V. Bryant is doing just that. His philosophy is that even though a child may have had the misfortune of losing parents and-or home; that this child is still a person, entitled to every consideration that any other person is entitled to receive. The superintendent abhors the idea that the child should be stigmatized with an inferiority complex for life by feeling that they should have only hand-me-down clothes, along with second and third rate facilities. That he is sincere in this is in evidence as one moves about the grounds of the institution. He has put forth a mammoth effort to get the children out of the out-dated buildings into new modern facilities. Although much has been done there remains much ahead to be done.

The Orphanage and The Unified Program

As this writer walked about the grounds and through the buildings it became evident that the Central Orphanage is not only deserving of the 6 percent (six cents of every dollar given through the Unified Program) that it receives, but is in dire need of it... and then some.

It would be an enlightening experience for every Baptist, yea every person in the State, to spend a day at the Orphanage. One not only sees the need for contributing more to the cause but becomes more thankful as well; realizing just how blessed one is not to be an orphan.

Every Black Baptist pastor and leader ought to visit the Central Orphanage, and encourage their members to visit also. This writer observed that every dollar that is received at the Orphanage is well spent, it is an investment in the most precious thing in the world — a human life. In this light, a \$1,000,000.00 budget for our Convention is not too large, neither is it unnecessary as

some have thought.

The Superintendent

Mr. H.V. Bryant is a dedicated layman who has given his life up for the sake of these children at the Central Orphanage. Mr. Bryant and his gracious wife and companion have children of their own, but they have enlarged their border that the under-privileged might have a chance for a better life. In the history that follows, prepared by Mr. Bryant and his staff, some of the needs of the institution that can be met through the Unified Plan have been printed out.

Since February is Central Orphanage Month every Baptist Church and organization is urged to send up as much as possible for the Unified Plan.

The Program

The program at Central Orphanage is well-balanced, including training, in home and family living, religious and academic education, recreation, travel, leisure time, farming, and vocational training. The movement is away from the old institutional dormitory type living towards the modern cottage-family type living. (See the old vs. the new type facility as shown in the photos). Later articles in this series will reveal more details about the dormitory life. Farming is one of the chief occupations of the institution. They not only produce a major portion of their own food supply, but produce a large quantity for the market. (See photos of Dairy and hog operations.) Yet it is not all work and no play; a good deal of time is spent in travel to churches and other institutions to render music and to promote the objective of the Orphanage. (Also note the photo where the children are on an outing at Kings Dominion). The Central Orphanage is the only All-Black Child Care Institution in the State of North Carolina.

Special Needs

1. Month for special emphasis on Orphanage needs - April.

2. Special Needs

A. Physical Plant

New cottages to replace old buildings

Girls-1

Boys-3

3. Scholarship Program - extended education, vocational and academic cost per year - Approximately \$2,000

Financed entirely by contributions during special drive in April

4. Cost of Operation

A. Annual budget for current operations \$343,295

B. Per capita cost - \$2,359.99 (annual)

5. Present financial campaign is continuous

A. Concentration during October, November, December

B. Scholarship Drive - April

A Brief History of Central Orphanage

In August, 1882, The Colored Orphanage Association was formed in Henderson, North Carolina, by members of the Shiloh and Wake Associations. The idea was presented by Dr. Augustus Shepard, who noticed during his travels throughout the



Mr. H.V. Bryant, Supt. Central Orphanage.

state, the large number of homeless, neglected children.

At a later meeting the Associations set out to find a suitable location for a prospective orphan home. Many difficulties were encountered and in October, 1883, a farm of twenty-three acres located one and one-half miles from Oxford, N.C., on the Raleigh Road, was obtained for \$1,565. One-half of the price was paid at the time possession was given. The Orphanage was named the "Grant Colored Asylum."

The Grant Orphanage Asylum ceased to exist in 1887 when "The Colored Orphanage Asylum of N.C." was incorporated. The members of the board were Rev. Augustus Shepard, Rev. Joshua Perry, Rev. W.A. Patillo, Rev. Isaac Alston, Rev. J.W. Levy, Mr. M.F. Thornton, Mr. H.E. Long, Mr. Henry Hester and Honorable H.P. Cheatham.

The Orphanage was incorporated as a non-denominational institution to receive children deprived of their parents and means of support, and to train them along religious, moral and industrial lines in order to fit them for useful law-abiding citizens.

When the Orphanage was known as the "Grant Orphanage" Rev. Joshua Perry was elected its first superintendent and Rev. W.A. Patillo was named General Agent. The Reverend Perry served for one year and was succeeded by Miss Bessie Hockin, a Canadian woman, who served from 1884 to 1886. Miss Hockin not only served without salary, but also donated her furniture to the orphan home. She had no income of her own and lived only by faith. It was during that time that Mr. Henry Hester, of Oxford, volunteered to pay all bills contracted in providing food for the children. Mr. Hester acted as Treasurer of the Orphanage until his death in 1901.

Rev. W.A. Patillo served as superintendent for the year 1886-1887. It was during his administration that Mrs. Adline Cogwell became connected with

the institution as matron. Mrs. Cogwell not only received no pay, but worked to help support the children of the institution.

In 1887 the Board of Directors elected Rev. Robert Shepard as superintendent without promise of remuneration. Rev. M.C. Ransom gave board to the new superintendent until a three-room house could be enlarged. The enlarged building served as the superintendent's home, boys' dormitory, dining room and kitchen. A few years later a girls' dormitory was built, and near it a laundry building.

According to data received from the superintendent's report of 1902-1903, a forty-four acre farm was purchased in 1895 at the cost of \$1440. A little later an adjoining lot of four acres located directly in front of the Orphanage property was purchased. On this land a home for the superintendent was erected, a frame structure consisting of nine rooms. A small room in the house was used for storage of clothing. Shoes were kept in an outhouse located in the yard of the superintendent's home. A few years later a donation of three acres of land on which was located a well-built house, was gratefully received. There were on hand numerous applications for admittance which had been deferred because of lack of space. On Thanksgiving Day, 1903, twenty young children and a matron moved into this new home.

Donations from Mr. B.N. Duke, churches, associations and fraternal orders were received annually. Produce from the farm supplied the table, and cotton and corn were produced for the market. Proceeds from these sales helped greatly in meeting current obligations. The legislature of the State of North Carolina appropriated \$5,000 annually to the institution. This amount was increased to \$10,000 during the administration of Reverend Shepard.

Reverend Shepard resigned as superintendent in 1907, to help with the establishment of an orphanage in Forsyth County near Winston-Salem, N.C.

Mr. H.P. Cheatham, an ex-congressman and a member of the original board of incorporators, succeeded Reverend Shepard as superintendent. Mr. Cheatham served from 1907 to 1935. In keeping with progressive ideas of his time, brick buildings were constructed to replace the original frame structures, using bricks manufactured on the orphanage grounds. Buildings erected were boys' dormitory, girls' dormitory, chapel-dining room building, laundry, and dormitory for younger boys. With a gift from the late Mr. B.N. Duke, the Angier B. Duke School and an office building were erected. The land acreage was increased to 400 acres.

The orphanage was re-incorporated in 1927 under the name "The Colored Orphanage of North Carolina." Members of the Board of Directors were M.F. Thornton, M.C. Ransom, J.W. Levy, J.C. Jeffries, J.E. Shepard, N.A. Cheek, Alex Peace and G.C. Shaw. Under the act of re-incorporation the Governor of North Carolina was authorized to appoint five members of the Board of Directors.

Upon the death of Mr. H.P. Cheatham in 1935, his son, Charles was appointed as superintendent. He served in this capacity for two years.

Since that time the following persons have directed affairs of the orphanage:

T.K. Borders - 1937-1940; T.A. Hamme - 1941-1951; D.O. Leatherberry - interim, 1951; T.H. Brooks - 1951-1968; H.V. Bryant - 1968 to present time.

In 1948 fire destroyed the older boys' dormitory. A modern structure - The Robert Shepard Building - was built as a replacement, and completed in 1949.

A scholarship fund was started in 1943 by the late Robert L. Shepard. Through many contributions from friends to this fund, children have been able to complete college and vocational training.

The Carver Vocational Building was given by the old New Farmers of America organization.

Children have received work experience in farming, dairying, carpentry, bricklaying, brick-making, barbering, shoe repairing, household skills, food preparation, laundry and other related areas.

The recreation program included Boys Scouts, 4-H Club, movies, outings, sports, band and choral training.

A modern gymnasium was completed in 1967.

From a very strong and interested Board of Directors, we receive guidance and support through a very strenuous period in the development of Central Orphanage of North Carolina.

We face a gigantic task of funding to cover increasing costs of operations and at the same time attempt a vigorous and ambitious building program.

Our purpose is to offer quality care to children who need a home away from home for a period in their lives. We strive to



Milking time at Central Orphanage dairy. Milk is very important for growing children. The dairying department's goal is production of more Grade-A milk, which is sold raw to Pine State Creamery Co.

Pasteurized milk is purchased for regular use. All cows that are not good producers are used for beef.



10,000 lbs. of meat produced for home consumption. Children need proteins for strong bodies and strong minds. Producing your own assures you of top quality.



Moving from the old dormitory which housed all of the girls to modern cottage. Georgia Henrahand Cottage is home for ten girls, ages 14 to 16. Occupied December 19, 1974, this type of setting makes life more enjoyable for children at Central Orphanage.

have each child improve his or her sense of personal worth, and establish improved relationships with the family. Realizing that the institution cannot take the place of a child's family, communication between the child and relatives is encouraged. Our social service department helps to develop this two-way street so that the child feels comfortable in knowing that the family can always be reached.

The regular educational program is supplemented with special education courses for those who need strengthening. These courses are offered during the summer months.

Recreational programs are also a part of the quality care and children enjoy special trips to surrounding areas.

The work opportunity on campus gives training in skills

which might be meaningful in later life. Some children are allowed job opportunities in the community. The Neighborhood Youth Corp offered work situations for some of the children to earn extra money during the summer months.

The Building Program

We are proud to have completed two cottages, as part of the plan to replace older buildings with cottages.

In 1973 ten older girls moved into the new girls' cottage, the first structure erected for girls in fifty years. Everyone was very proud of this progress.

The second cottage was completed and occupied in December 1974.

Our aim now is to complete a cottage for younger girls, and build cottages for the young boys, as funds are available.



A day of fun away from the campus. Children are given a trip to Kings Dominion.

Hooks Grove Hosts Usher's Session

Durham — The One Day Session of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention, Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene at the Hooks Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Pikeville, N.C., Saturday, February 21, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. The Usher's Convention, one of the many dynamic auxiliaries of the General Baptist Convention, provides leadership and opportunities for growth and development for the local churches' Usher Boards. In its Annual Session, held last July at the First Baptist Church of Weldon, the ground work was laid for a program of training that will prove to be invaluable to any local church.

The Convention is headed by Mr. S.L. Fennell of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church of Durham, N.C. Fennell is a well-seasoned leader who knows how to secure the best leadership available as a resource for the Convention. To watch him operate the Convention is an educational experience in itself. He knows how to draw the best out of anyone who appears on program. His mild and unassuming manner has made him a beloved and respected part of the Convention structure. Mr. J.A. Grant is First Vice President and Mrs. Lois Henderson is the Recording Secretary.

The Usher's Convention is undoubtedly the beneficiary of the intellectual overflow of Dr. Percy High, Pastor of Durham's Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and a recipient of the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C. Pastor High and Mr. Fennell are intimate friends, thus opening up a fountainhead of wisdom for the guidance of the Convention. The Convention is indeed fortunate to have the influence of such well-prepared men of God. In addition to the influence of Dr. High, there is the input of Reverend R.D. Lucas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lawndale and Dr. Harold Cobb of Durham's West Durham Baptist Church, who are workshop leaders. Rev. Lucas is Dean of the Convention.

In recent years the art of church ushering has been expanded to include many more services than it did some years past. For example the Church Usher today, in order to be effective, is required to have extensive knowledge about worship services and the church's total ministry. The usher today is not only an extension of the pastor's arm, but an extension of the Church in its various functions. This is why it is vitally important for every church to send delegates to the sessions of the Convention. Every local church usher board is a part of the total structure of the Unified Plan of the General Baptist State Convention. The Unified Plan has to do with more than money; it touches every area of church life and is con-

cerned with every aspect of the lives of the more than 350,000 Baptists in the State.

In far too many instances, members in the local church take the attitude that ushering is the lowest and least important task in the church. Therefore many churches suffer the loss of many would-be members as well as much good will and untold influence. Very few people today are able to realize the importance of a well-trained and dedicated usher board in the local church.

These are but a few of the insights that can be realized through participation in the activities of the Usher's Convention, along with the president of the General Convention, along with the president of the Usher's Convention is calling upon every pastor and layman in the state to support the upcoming One Day Session of the Convention at the Hooks Grove Baptist Church to be held in Pikeville, N.C., February 21.

The Unified Plan

The work of this Convention is part of the total program of the General Convention in its effort to render a greater service to the churches and to be more effective in every aspect of its ministry. Whatever is done in a positive way in this forth-coming Convention Session will help the General Convention realize its one million dollars financial goal and its spiritual goal of five thousand souls saved. The object of the projected goals for our Convention is to strengthen the work of Jesus Christ within the local church, as well as throughout the world. As we support and strengthen the auxiliaries, we strengthen the entire Convention. Every pastor can help by seeing to it that there are delegates in this session from his church. Every layman can help by giving support in his local church and sacrificing some time to attend the Convention. The Unions and Associations can help by organizing Usher's Departments in your local organization and giving support to the state and local usher's groups. Our leaders are calling upon us, Christ is calling upon us to stop passing the buck and ask Christ to help us become more willing to be used by the Lord.

Directions to Hooks Grove Baptist Church

Pikeville is in eastern North Carolina, located north of Goldsboro, and south of Wilson on Highway 117. The Hooks Grove Church is located on the west side of Pikeville, which means that when you come into Pikeville from the south that you turn left at the first stop light and proceed all the way through the town of Pikeville. Continue west about three-quarters of a mile (¾) to a rural unpaved road. Turn right on the unpaved road and continue approximately two hundred yards to the Hooks Grove Baptist Church on the right. Those who come into Pikeville from the north should turn right at the first stop light and follow the



HOOKS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

directions above.

The Hooks Grove Baptist Church has an outstanding record in eastern North Carolina and promises to provide a royal welcome to the Convention's delegates. The church is noted for its leadership role in the community, where it has set a high standard of performance in Christian ministry. It has had some outstanding pastors to grace its pulpit, among whom was the late A.L. Morgan of Youngsville, N.C.

Rev. J.C. Sherrod,
Pastor, Hooks Grove
Baptist Church

The Reverend J.C. Sherrod of Fremont, N.C. is pastor of the Hooks Grove Church. He is a well-qualified pastor who serves as principal of the local public school. Rev. Sherrod believes in Christian Education and is an ardent supporter of The Unified Program in all of its outreach. He is a familiar and illustrious figure at all Baptist functions.

President S.L. Fennell

In a recent communication, President Fennell indicated that he is looking forward to a grand One Day Session and hopes to have a delegation that will break all records. Hopefully, this session will enable the Convention to meet its quotas for 1975-76 relative to the one million dollar budget and 5,000 souls saved. He is a Christian leader who is worthy of the support of our entire Baptist family.

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An Appeal For State Lobbyist

The North Carolina State Conference of Branches, NAACP approved and adopted at its 1973 State Conference, the employment of a Lobbyist or Legislative Representative during the sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly.

The approval of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches was for the following reasons:

1. There is no legislative representation or Lobbyist for the Black population.
2. The Lobbyist would work to avoid passage of discriminatory and segregative legislation and legislation disadvantageous to the general welfare of Black citizens in North Carolina.
3. Work of the passage of effective Civil Rights Legislation.
4. Work toward elimination of racial discrimination in State Government.
5. Appear before the General Assembly Committee considering basic legislation.

6. Evaluation of the language of a Bill and writing Bills of interest to the Black citizens and getting an Assemblyman to introduce them.
7. Keeping the Black population informed as to Legislation.
8. Meeting with Assemblymen to discuss matters of importance.
9. Developing constructive lines of communications with Heads of State Agencies and dealing with government officials with the power to act.



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Church Grows From 8 To 800 Members

By Church Staff

Winston Salem — The Union Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, which had its beginning in a small frame house with eight (8) members, recently dedicated a beautiful new Education building and now has over 800 members.

The Dedication service was held in the newly renovated sanctuary of Union Baptist Church. The dedication service was a festive occasion, which was highlighted by the Dedication message, delivered by Dr. D.R. Hedgeley, retired minister of Winston-Salem's First Baptist Church. His message was most profound as well as inspiring. The building was presented by the official board and "dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God and to the purpose of worship, fellowship, study and service."

Union Baptist Church and Dr. McDaniel, its dedicated minister, are to be congratulated upon a job well done.

A Brief History Of Union Baptist Church

In April 1933, the Rev. A.H. McDaniel was called to pastorate of Union Baptist Church. The membership there was only eight active members. Seemingly, the Rev. McDaniel was not only Divinely called as a minister, but Divinely led to the leadership of this church. He often relates "I shall never forget the Sunday morning when I started to High Point, and as it appeared the Lord spoke to me saying, 'Find Union Mission Church.' I turned at the next corner, and after some time I found this small group of people worshipping in an old rented house on 14th St. and Underwood Ave. I was invited to preach for them that same day as guest minister in a 3 o'clock service. This I did and I was invited to preach for the next Sunday, and the next Sunday, until after three months passed I was called to the pastorate."

In 1935, the Rev. McDaniel led the church in buying the first

piece of property, which was an old eight-room house located on Abbatoir St. This was paid for and torn down and the first section of the present building was erected in 1938, and in 1949, the main auditorium was built. In 1965, an educational building was erected. The Church has four Official Boards: Senior Deacons, Junior Deacons, Supply Deacons and Trustees Board, 45 Auxiliaries and Clubs and more than 800 members.

In April 1975, the Union Baptist Church began construction of a new Chapel and Activity Building. The Chapel is on the second floor and can be converted into five Sunday School Rooms by use of folding walls. The Pastor's Study, and Women's Lounge are on this floor.

The first floor is used exclusively for activities such as Scouting and Sunday School Classes. Restrooms are on this floor for both men and women. A large beautiful parking lot has been built for the convenience of those who attend services.

The present church building has been redesigned and renovated so that there is seating capacity for 150 more people in the nave by opening other folding walls. This area is beautifully paneled with wall to wall carpet. The chapel has wall to wall carpet.

These will be officially opened and dedicated to the service of God, and the Salvation of Souls, and the strengthening of religious ties in the lives of the people of God.

Brief Profile Of Dr. McDaniel

Dr. A.H. McDaniel, a native of Sumter, South Carolina and the son of a deceased Baptist minister, the Rev. James S. McDaniel.

In the past 42 years, Dr. McDaniel has given effective dedicated leadership to this community as an outstanding pastor, builder, and a concerned Christian minister, and civic worker. He has held many responsible positions in the city, state and nation.

Sampson To Speak At Conference

Asheville, (BSC) — The Division of Evangelism of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has announced that Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan will be one of the featured speakers during the Statewide Evangelism Conference in Asheville, February 24, 1976.

The conference, which is held annually, will be held at the Civic Center Auditorium, beginning Monday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m. ending on Wednesday, February 4 at noon, has for its theme: "Freedom In Christ".

Other outstanding Program Personnel are: W.A. Criswell,

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Stephen F. Olford, Minister at Large, Encounter Missionaries, Inc., Holmes Beach, Florida; Lewis A. Drummond, Professor, Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; John F. Havlik, Director, Department of Evangelism Materials and Services, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; Thomas E. Corts, President, Wingate College, Wingate; Charles G. Fuller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia; Arnie Robertson, Evangelist, Goldsboro; B.E. Morris, Honorary Chairman, Charlotte; Joe Ann



UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Credit Union Pledges Increasing

Baptist Headquarters — According to personnel in the Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh, pledges are continuing to come in for the Credit Union.

The 108th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., meeting in Shelby last October 29, adopted a resolution recommending the creation of a state-wide Credit Union. The resolution stated that: "We shall organize a state-wide credit union to assist our members, pastors and struggling churches to stop loan sharks from robbing our membership with exorbitantly high interest rates. Many churches, associations auxiliaries, and pastors have millions of dollars in accounts with banks with and without interest accruing that could help to provide loans to churches, members and pastors at lower interest rates plus the church bodies can receive the regular rate of interest as well as render a valuable service to the churches, pastors and members, while providing opportunities of employment and training for our members."

In an effort to put this resolution into force, a pledge card has been sent to all Baptist churches and organizations requesting that they pledge various amounts to the Credit Union. Pastors are urged to lead their churches to take an active part in this project.

President Johnson has assured the Baptist constituency that this state-wide credit union will be set up, and the business conducted according to State Credit Union law. The money will be fully protected and every penny, plus interest, can be withdrawn by the owner when he desires. This is a request for pledges in an effort to determine the degree of interest and support to expect from the Baptist constituency. These cards should be sent in at the

Shelton, Guest Soloist, Fort Worth, Texas and Loeen Bushman, Guest Pianist, Fort Worth, Texas.

earliest possible date.

All of this is part of the Unified Program, a program of people

working together and putting their resources together to promote the Lord's work.

In Loving Memory

Knightdale — The funeral service for the late Reverend A.A. Anderson was held Wednesday, January 7, 1976, at 3:00 p.m. at the Malaby's Cross Road Baptist Church in Knightdale, with the Reverend G.A. Jones, pastor, officiating.

OBITUARY

The scripture was read by Dr. Paul Johnson of Raleigh's Martin Street Baptist Church, prayer was offered by Rev. A.A. Drum, pastor, Kimes Chapel Baptist Church, Mebane, N.C. The eulogy was delivered by Reverend G.A. Jones. Interment was in the Malaby's Cross Road Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation, the expressions of kindness and sympathy shown during the hours of bereavement. We commend this family to the Grace of God where lasting comfort is found.



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BENEATH HIS LIKENESS as interpreted by an admiring artist, the convention banquet came to a close with "white men and black men joining hands" and singing together, "We Shall Overcome."

Pastor's Conference, Theological Alumni

RALEIGH — In a recent meeting at Shaw Divinity School Theological Alumni and members of the Pastor's Conference Planning Committee formulated plans for the Shaw Divinity School's third Annual Pastors' Conference. The conference, scheduled to be held at the Shaw University Church, March 22-24, 1976 has the earmarks of being the best ever. Theme; **The Quest For Renewal of the Church's Ministry and Mission.**

The theme is looked with vital implications which are of grave concern to every pastor in today's church. According to the theme, the conference will be geared towards an investigation into the historical setting of the Christian church in an effort to redefine the ministry and mission of the Church. The theme will be explored from three points of view: (1) **The Biblical Bases of the Church's Ministry and Mission.** This will be a historical research study based upon the Biblical Text. It will attempt to rediscover the original concept of the Ministry and Mission of the Christian church, as set forth by the Scripture and early Church Fathers.

There will be two lectures delivered on this subdivision of the theme by the Reverend Charles W. Butler, who is pastor of the New Calvary Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

(2) **An Assessment of the Present State of the Church's Ministry and Mission.** As the first division of the theme will be concerned with where and how the Christian church received its birth and what elements were present in that birth; the second sub-division of the theme will be concerned with where the Christian church is today in the development of its ministry and mission. It will seek to identify for the conference, the major theological concepts, functions, and practices of today's church. In laymen's language, this simply means that the lecturer will endeavor to tell us what kind of "mess" we are in our churches today. There will be one lecture delivered on this sub-

division of the theme by Dr. C. Shelby Rooks, who is president

Cost of the Conference

Although the cost of living has continued to increase, the cost of the Pastors' Conference will be \$25.00, the same as it has been for the past two years. However, those who attend will be responsible for their own lodging and meals.

Theological Alumni

The Shaw Theological Alumni Association will be meeting in its Annual Session during the Pastor's Conference. President of the Alumni Association, Dr. Willie B. Lewis, pastor of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church of Raleigh, has issued a call to all theological alumni to plan to attend this annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

This year's Alumni meeting may prove to one of the most vital ever held due to recent changes that have been made at the Shaw Divinity School. It has been pointed out by both Dean Alexander of the Shaw Divinity School and Dr. Lewis that Shaw Divinity School is now completely separated from the University. This is a requirement of the Southern Colleges, ordered nine months ago.

Divinity School Independent

This means of course that the Divinity School has to raise its own finances and maintain itself in every respect. According to the Alumni there is an immediate need for \$20,000. In an effort to raise these vitally needed funds pastors and Baptist leaders have been urged to (1) establish scholarships in the names of persons who have been supporters of Shaw and are now deceased. (2) Churches are urged to establish a scholarship in the names of former pastors as a memorial to perpetuate their memory at the church. (3) Associations, Unions, and other Baptist organizations have been requested to establish scholarships in the names of former moderators, Presidents, and Auxiliary leaders who are now deceased, and (4) to seek ways of tapping financial

resources that have been previously untapped. All contributions that are received through this effort will be credited to financial quotas of those making the contributions.

The Divinity School can also be helped by encouraging young ministers to enroll at the Shaw Divinity School. There is always a need for students and more students.

During the first semester there were 43 students enrolled in the regular program on campus, and there were approximately 50 students enrolled in the Seminary Without Walls. The second semester as scheduled to begin January 17, 1976.

Alumni Schedule

The schedule of events for the Theological Alumni Association includes the following events: The Executive Board meeting in the Administrative Conference room, Shaw University, Monday afternoon, March 22 at 4:30 p.m. The Annual Theological Alumni Association Banquet will be held in the Dining room of the Student Union Building at 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 22. Other events are scheduled to coincide with the Pastor's Conference. The concluding service will be held on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m. in the University Church at which time the Alumni are requested to bring up sizable contributions for the Divinity School.

President Lewis Recovering

Although Dr. Lewis is still recovering from fractured ribs and other internal injuries, received when a chartered bus overturned on a West Virginia turnpike last September 6, while returning from the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention held in Toledo, Ohio, he has pledged himself to attend the Conference and support the Alumni program to the best of his ability. Dr. Lewis has returned to the pulpit on three occasions since the accident.

(3) **Projections For Renewal of the Church's Ministry and Missions.** Based on what history and experience in the church has taught us, this third subdivision

Convention Program Committee Meeting

Charlotte — The Program Committee will meet Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh. If any of you would like to meet Monday evening, in an informal session, let me know and I'll make the arrangements.

Special Appeal: If we are to do a good job we must meet. Meetings are costly but **LET US TRY NOT TO BRING A BILL EVERY TIME WE COME.** Some of us have churches who will help us if we ask them and give them an opportunity. A silver after - offering can more than cover our expenses.

Note where our members live. If they are on the way, get together, car pool. A dollar saved is a dollar earned for the work.

Now on to our next assignments. We urge you to pray much, think deep and help us plan well. We are God's representatives and our actions must reflect Him and not reflect on Him.

I. Moderator's Workshop and One Day Session — Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Br. H.S. Diggs, Pastor, Charlotte - May 4-5, 1976.

Our responsibility is to provide Program Personnel for the One Day Session.

There are two devotional periods and two sermons, bring your suggestions.

The Moderator's and Executive Secretary Sherrill usually plan for the workshop and the evening worship service. **THIS DOES NOT** prevent us from offering ideas and suggestions.

If we are to win 5,000 souls for Christ and raise \$1,000,000.00 the Moderators can play a vital part.

What should the workshops be about? How can the Moderators get really involved? Keep in mind stimulation, motivation, inspiration and recognition get things done. Write it down, don't try and remember.

All Baptist Assembly - Winston Salem, N.C. - August 2-5, New Bethel Baptist Church, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Churches and Pastor's Hosts.

Come prepared to respond and decide the following:

1. Theme: Our Declaration; Symbol

(a) Shall we celebrate or give recognition to the Bicentennial? If so, what will our Declaration and symbol be? Each Committee member has been asked to write his response.

of the theme will seek to point out areas within the church where there are potentials for renewal and growth. Here is one of the areas which promised to be most helpful to Pastors, many of whom have been lost in the confusion and frustration of the rapidly changing emphasis within the Christian church. There will be one lecture delivered on this subdivision of the theme by Dr. C. Shelby Rooks.

The Conference Preacher

The Conference preacher this year will be Dr. Harold Carter, who will deliver three messages. Dr. Carter is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Less than a short paragraph. As few words as possible.

(b) **Alternate Thought:** This could be a year of Commemoration. The Emancipation Proclamation 1863-1976.

2. **General Procedure**—Our current thinking is for everybody to meet at the same place and the same time. The Convention and the Auxiliaries will be allotted blocks of time to carry out their program.

If this is to be successful, we must be aware of some problems it poses and make recommendations for their resolve.

Devotion leaders, President's Address, sermons, reports, guest speakers, offerings, objective emphasis, enrollment, registration, presiding officers, ushers offering, stage setting, transition from one type program to another etc. are all a part of it.

Some of these are program responsibilities others are administrative. Because of this, let us first identify what belongs to the Program Committee and pass on to the Administration what it is to do.

CONSIDER:

1. All business of the Convention should be transacted in its Boards and Committees. Recommendations Only to come before the Convention. If there are matters of concern in the delegation, they should be directed to a Resolution Committee, appointed before the session. The Resolution Committee should reflect, for this session, the membership of the Convention.

2. **Reports** - It is expected that reports come from the Historian, Statistician, Trustees, Editor, etc. These reports could very well be made to the Executive Committee and General Boards and a capsule report, with color and interest, to the general Convention.

3. **President's Addresses** - Could not the Address by the general overall President suffice? An outstanding layman and laywoman could take the place of Auxiliaries. The President of the Auxiliaries have every opportunity to say to their group what needs and should be said.

III. Special Feature

1. **Evangelistic Services** - It is apparent that the Convention will support this activity. Dr. Harris is to coordinate. Let us search out and find our great preachers to recommend.

2. **The President's Prayer Breakfast** - We must rely on President Johnson to help us with this. We know that tickets were available for the first one. What will we do for this one? Where will it be held? What is the overall cost, including speaker?

Jot down your ideas and let's come for real work session. If any of you want to come in Monday, February 9, for an informal work session, let me know so that all Committee members can be informed and proper arrangements made.

From: Coleman W. Kerry, Program Chairman

To: The Program Committee, General Convention and Auxiliaries.